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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BERLIN, CALCUTTA,
GENEVA FROM DACCA JUNE 29:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 3508

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS CASC SREF PINT BG GE (GLEIN, CHRISTIAN)

SUBJECT: "ASYLUM" REQUEST: SUBJECT MAY HAVE CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP
OR NON-QUOTA IV

1. MORNING JUNE 29, CHRISTIAN CLIEN, A CITIZEN OF THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, APPEARED AT CONSULAR SECTION
TO REQUEST "ASYLUM" IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. GLIEN PRESENTED A LETTER WRITTEN IN BROKEN ENGLISH
WHICH READS (UNEDITED) AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: MY NAME IS
CHRISTIAN GLIEN. I AM BIRTHDAY ON 27TH. AUGUST 1947 IN
HUBERTUSBERG. MY FATHER IS FROM AMERICA (HIS NAME IS
GEORGE MILLER). MY MOTHER IS FROM GERMANY (HER NAME IS
ELISABETH GLIEN). 1948 MY FATHER TOOK MY MOTHER TO NEW
YORK, WHERE HE IS LIVING. MY FATHER AND MY MOTHER IN
1951 SEPARATED. MY MOTHER IS AFTER SEPARATED GOING TO
EAST-GERMANY, WHERE IS LIVING HER FATHER AND MOTHER.
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FROM 1954 TO 1964 I'M GOING TO THE SCHOOL AND AFTER THIS
I'VE LEARNED COOKED (3 YEARS). THEN I GOING TO MILITARY
(NVA) - LUFTWAFFE "AIR FORCE". I WAS SERGANT (GERMAN-
UNTEROFFIZIER). AFTER 3 YEARS I'M GOING OFF THE
MILITARY AND WORKING IN THE DOCK (ROSTOCK-CITY) AS
COOKER. ON DECEMBER 1976 I'M GOING TO THE SHIP "ERFURT"
WELL, TOO OF THE SHIP I WAS COOKER. ON 20TH MAY WE

GOING IN CALCUTTA (INDIA) ON THE LAND AND I EMIGRE
OFF THIS AND I'VE TO ILLEGAL TO BANGLADESH. THUS MY
CAPTAIN CAN'T ME FIND. WELL, I'LL GO TO MY FATHER OF
AMERICA, THEN I CAN'T LIFE IN A COMMUNIST STATE. END
QUOTE.

3. HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY EMBOFFS AND FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED. FATHER IS GEORGE MILLER, 120EAST 63RD STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. FATHER MARRIED MOTHER JUST AFTER WORLD WAR II IN BISHOFSWERDA, NOW IN GDR. FAMILY WENT TO US IN 1949, BUT (FOR REASONS NOT ASCERTAINED) MARRIAGE BROKE UP IN 1951 AND WIFE RETURNED TO BISHOFSWERDA, EVENTUALLY RECEIVED DIVORSE AND RESUMED MAIDEN NAME WHICH SUBJECT NOW USES. SON HAS SEEN FATHER SEVERAL TIMES SINCE (HE SAID AT ABOUT TWO YEAR INTERVALS) WHEN FATHER VISITS EAST BERLIN. FATHER HAS A HALF-BROTHER, CHRISTIAN MACLAUGIN, RESIDENT IN EAST BERLIN, ALSO MARRIED TO GERMAN SHORTLY AFTER WAR AND WHO IS NOW "ENGINEER" WORKING WITH A STATE OWNED CORPORATION IN GDR. SUBJECT SAYS HE HAS HAD INTERMITTENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH FATHER (WHO IS NOW REMARRIED), BUT THAT FREQUENCY WAS LIMITED IN ORDER NOT TO AROUSE SUSPICIONS OF GDR AUTHORITIES. HE INDICATES THERE IS NO QUESTION OF DENIAL OF PARENTHOOD AND THAT RELATIONS ARE AS CORDIAL AS POSSIBLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

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4. SUBJECT (AS INDICATED PARAGRAPH 2) JUMPED SHIP FROM "ERFURT" IN CALCUTTA MAY 20 AND MADE WAY BY LAND TO DACCA, CROSSING BORDER AT BENAPOLE ILLEGALLY BY "WALKING AROUND BORDER POST". HE IS NOW RESIDENT AT DACCA YMCA HOTEL AND HAS LIMITED FUNDS WHICH WILL SOON RUN OUT. SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE NOW BANGLADESH AUTHORITIES ARE NOT AWARE OF HIS PRESENCE NOR ARE GDR REPRESENTATIVES HERE. HE APPEARS TO APPREHEND NO IMMEDIATE DANGER.

5. HE HAS IN HIS POSSESSION A "FUEHRERSCHNEINE" ISSUED BY GDR AUTHORITIES WHICH BEARS HIS PHOTOGRAPH.

6. GLEIN SAID THAT HE HAS LONG WANTED TO JOIN FATHER IN US RATHER THAN REMAIN IN GDR. IF HIS STORY IS CORRECT, THIS IS FIRST OPPORTUNITY HE HAS HAD TO GAIN ACCESS TO USG OFFICIALS. HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO VISIT EMBASSY IN GDR AS POLICE ALWAYS WATCHING BUILDING. HE JOINED MERCHANT MARINE AND THE "ERFURT" IN DECEMBER, 1976. FIRST VOYAGE WAS TO RIGA AND LENINGRAD AND THIS, THE SECOND VOYAGE, WAS DIRECT FROM ROSTOCK TO CALCUTTA WITH A FURTHER STOP SCHEDULED FOR CASABLANCA. ASKED WHY HE

DID NOT CONTACT US OFFICERS IN CALCUTTA OR NEW DELHI, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW AN OFFICE EXISTED IN CALCUTTA AND SAW THE DISTANCE TO DACCA WAS LESS. HE ALSO SAID HE FELT DEALING WITH US OUTSIDE INDIA WOULD BE PREFERABLE.

7. ALL OF THE ABOVE IS BASED EITHER ON INTERVIEW WITH GLEIN OR HIS LETTER AND THERE IS NO INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION. EMBOFFS WHO INTERVIEWED HIM GAINED IMPRESSION HE WAS LEVELLING IN ANSWERS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WE BELIEVE UNDER SECTION 201(G) OF THE NATIONALITY
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ACT OF 1940, HE MAY HAVE A CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP IF RETENTION RULES ARE WAIVABLE IN HIS CASE AS HE APPARENTLY WAS UNABLE FOR POLITICAL REASONS TO RETURN TO THE US TO SATISFY RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS. DEPARTMENT'S URGENT ADVICE IS REQUESTED.

B. FAILING THIS, HE PRESUMABLY HAS CLAIM TO NON-QUOTA IMMIGRANT STATUS IF FATHER WILLING TO SPONSOR. DEPARTMENT'S URGENT ADVICE ON THIS ALSO REQUESTED.

C. DEPARTMENT IS ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTACT GEORGE MILLER FOR VERIFICATION OF RELATIONSHIP, FOR FUNDS AND, IF NEEDED, FOR SPONSORSHIP.

D. REQUEST REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. MASTERS
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